

## **Minutes of the Commission on the Status of Black Males**

### **Wednesday, September 14, 2005**

**Members present:** William Knox, Larry Brown, David Hummons, Cedric Harris (secretary), George Tardy, Genevieve Williamson (acting chair), **Guests:** Dallas Easton, **Staff:** Craig Brenner, Liaison, and Lee Bowlen, City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department.

#### **2. Request for Additional Agenda items**

- A. Men of Color Leadership Conference, November 11-12, 2005
- B. Prosecutor's response to crime
- C. CJAM Update
- D. MCCSC Diversity Forum

**3. Approval of the Minutes:** July 11, 2005 minutes were approved.

#### **4. Nomination of Commission Chair**

**David Hummons** accepted nomination.

#### **5. Goals for 2005-2006 and Timeline**

**Genny** prepared a handout of timeline. We moved to talk about CJAM.

#### **2C. CJAM Update**

**George Tardy** expressed concern and wanted an update on CJAM. High schools are allowing a Thursday CJAM table for walk-ins. Mediators are needed. Mediators get to talk to school administrators. Invitation was made to CSBM members to get mediation training via abbreviated training sessions arranged by George, who is on the CJAM board. Please talk to George if interested.

#### **2D. MCCSC Diversity Forum**

**David:** Set of recommendations are in process of being finalized; as report goes through draft stages they are being watered down. **David** will get a copy of the final report via email, and he will share the recommendations with the CSBM. **Genny:** reminded us that we are planning to do own report on diversity forum. **David:** The Commission must set the bar.

#### **5. Back to the Timeline**

**Genny:** proposed doing Black Male recognition in the community. **William:** is working on black business guide. **Larry:** would like to be involved.

**Criminal Justice Task Force:** **Larry** will invite Guy Lofton to the next meeting to give us an update on the task force.

**Indiana Black Expo:** **Genny** suggested we organize closer ties to the Expo. Frank Motley has worked hard to get IU more involved. He has been successful.

**Health:** **Genny** suggested bringing someone in April to talk about health issues.

**CSBM Annual Report:** **George:** asked for clarification on the role of the Commission chair, beyond leading the Commission in setting the agenda and priorities. Also, should the Commission's Annual Report be more in depth? **Genny:**

prepare draft of annual report in November with an update in December. In January or February, let's get on the Common Council agenda.

**Craig:** perhaps invite Mayor Kruzan to Commission meeting, possibly in March.

**Genny:** Commission has not yet met with the Mayor as a group.

**David:** We need to make our efforts more known – more publicized.

**Genny:** Smoking cessation. **Craig:** Two year grants were given out in the summer. Recommends attending hospital cessation meetings. Governor wants to allow smaller grants. **George:** this grant is at the end of a long list of initiatives for smoking cessation.

6. **Craig:** Saturday, September 17th: CSBM will share table with the MLK Commission at the Soul Food Festival at Karst Farm Park. Need volunteers to staff booth; sign-up sheet was passed around.
7. **Craig: Sunday,** September 25th, Bloomington Multicultural Festival, Courthouse Square: CSBM and MLK will share a booth. Commissioners and staff needed to volunteer for booth; shifts available from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
8. **2005 Meeting Dates and Times.**

#### 9. **7<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Male National Conference - Oct. 26-28, 2005**

##### **2A. Men of Color Leadership Conference (MOCLC)**

**Dallas Easton:** [deeaston@indiana.edu](mailto:deeaston@indiana.edu), FASE Office, 855-3540  
Conference topics drafted from an April spring Symposium by students planning for the Fall conference. The first topic is similar to the State Commission conference on Black Males. Dr. Eugene White is keynote speaker. He is the Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) superintendent.

An open reception with Veteran's (of color) Day tribute and then a general reception will be held. Conference is now open to college students, community and business members and high school students. Student scholarships may be available. Cost: \$20.00 in advance and \$30.00 on-site.

#### **Adjournment.**

**Next Meeting:** October 12, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. in the Hooker Conference Room (#245), City Hall.